

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 COPENH 02761 061545Z

46

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AID-20 CEA-02 CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-11

EA-11 FRB-02 INR-10 IO-14 NEA-10 NSAE-00 RSC-01

OPIC-12 SPC-03 TRSE-00 CIEP-02 LAB-06 SIL-01 OMB-01

SS-20 NSC-10 L-03 H-03 DODE-00 PA-04 USIA-15 PRS-01

STR-08 DRC-01 /197 W

----- 045884

R 061405Z NOV 73

FM AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8001

INFO USMISSION BERLIN

AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

USMISSION EC BRUSSELS UNN

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY PARIS

USMISSION OECD PARIS UNN

AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

C O N F I D E N T I A L COPENHAGEN 2761

E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: PINT, ELAB, ECON, DA

SUBJ: ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY BILL RE-INTRODUCED IN
PARLIAMENT

SUMMARY: GOVERNMENT ON OCTOBER 31 RE-INTRODUCED ITS
BILL ON ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY (ED), ONE WEEK AFTER SOCIALIST
PEOPLES PARTY (SF) SURFACED ALTERNATIVE VERSION WHICH
MIGHT PROVIDE BASIS FOR COMPROMISE BILL. OPPOSITION
PARTIES REMAIN FIRMLY OPPOSED TO BOTH VERSIONS.
ALTHOUGH ED REMAINS HALLMARK OF ANKER JORGENSEN'S SOCIAL
DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT PROGRAM, FOLKETING IS NOT EXPECTED
TO ACT ON ISSUE DURING CURRENT SESSION. SOME OBSERVERS
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 COPENH 02761 061545Z

PREDICT ELECTION WILL BE CALLED IN FALL OF 1974 WITH ED

AS BASIC ISSUE. GOVERNMENT IS ATTEMPTING TO PROCEED ON
ED FRONT IN STEP WITH SIMILAR MOVES IN OTHER EC MEMBER
COUNTRIES SUCH AS FRG AND UK. END SUMMARY.

1. GOVERNMENT RE-INTRODUCED TO PARLIAMENT OCTOBER 31 ITS
ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY BILL - A PROPOSAL FOR EMPLOYEE
CO-DETERMINATION AND CO-OWNERSHIP VIA THE TRANSFER OF
INCREASINGLY LARGER SHARES OF VOTING STOCK IN DANISH
INDUSTRY TO A CENTRAL FUND TO BE MANAGED BY TRADE UNION
FEDERATION (LO).
BILL WAS RE-INTRODUCED WITHOUT CHANGE, BUT WITH
DECLARATION OF GOVERNMENT'S WILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE ON
CERTAIN FEATURES OF THE SCHEME.

2. RE-INTRODUCTION OF GOVERNMENT'S BILL FOLLOWED BY ONE
WEEK PUBLICATION OF AN ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL BY SOCIALIST
PEOPLES PARTY (SF), WHICH THROUGHOUT LAST YEAR WAS LARGELY
NEGATIVE TO GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL. ALTHOUGH DIFFERENT IN
SOME WAYS, SF PROPOSAL IS SUFFICIENTLY SIMILAR TO
GOVERNMENT BILL TO PROVIDE POSSIBILITY OF A COMPROMISE
SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC-SF BILL. SF VERSION PLACES CENTRAL FUND
UNDER DIRECTION OF SHOP STEWARDS RATHER THAN DIRECTLY UNDER
LO LEADERSHIP; IT ALSO BASES EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO
CENTRAL FUND ON VALUE ADDED (AND CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD BE
COLLECTED THROUGH VALUE ADDED TAX (VAT) ADMINISTRATION)
RATHER THAN ON TOTAL WAGE BILL. BOTH DIFFERENCES SEEM
EASILY OPEN TO COMPROMISE.

3. SPOKESMAN FOR OPPOSITION VKR PARTIES REJECTED
GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL FLATLY - CONSERVATIVE (K) SPOKESMAN
CHARACTERIZING GOVERNMENT ACTION AS A "PROVOCATION".
RADICAL (R) AND MODERATE LIBERAL (V) SPOKESMAN NOTED
THAT GOVERNMENT'S HOPE FOR COMPROMISE NEGOTIATIONS
APPEARED TO BE DIRECTED ONLY AT THE SF SINCE NONE OF
OPPOSITION ARGUMENTS HAD BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. THEY
DEMANDED THAT GOVERNMENT APPOINT A COMMISSION TO STUDY
ENTIRE MATTER FURTHER.

4. GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN INDICATED THAT ITS INTENTION IN
RE-INTRODUCING THE BILL WAS TO KEEP ALIVE THIS CENTRAL
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 COPENH 02761 061545Z

POLITICAL PLANK OF THE ANKER JORGENSEN ADMINISTRATION
RATHER THAN TO PRESS FOR PASSAGE THIS SESSION. LO
CHARIMAN THOMAS NIELSEN TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT, ALTHOUGH
PASSAGE IN THIS SESSION WAS NOT EXCLUDED, GOVERNMENT AND
LO WERE WAITING FOR THE PROPOSAL TO MATURE - FOR PUBLIC
SUPPORT TO COALESCE BEHIND MEASURE. HE THOUGHT IT MORE
PROBABLE THAT GOVERNMENT WOULD RE-INTRODUCE BILL DURING NEXT
PARLIAMENTARY SESSION IN OCTOBER 1974 AND THEN CALL

IMMEDIATE ELECTIONS ON EC ISSUE.

5. IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE INHIBITING EFFECT OF EC SCHEME
ON CURRENT INVESTMENT IN DENMARK, GOVERNMENT WISHES TO
MOVE CAUTIOUSLY ON THIS FRONT UNTIL ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY
CONCEPT - OR OTHER EQUALLY SOCIALISTIC PROGRAMS - HAVE
SPREAD MORE GENERALLY THROUGHOUT THE EC. CONSEQUENTLY,
NATIONALIZATION PROGRAM OF BRITISH LABOUR PARTY AND
ADOPTION RECENTLY BY GERMAN SPD OF ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY
PLAN SIMILAR TO THAT OF DANES' ARE CONSIDERED AS
FAVORABLE OMENS BY DANISH ED ADVOCATES.
CROWE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 06 NOV 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: cunninfx
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973COPENH02761
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: COPENHAGEN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731153/aaaabmto.tel
Line Count: 127
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: cunninfx
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 02 AUG 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <02-Aug-2001 by kellerpr>; APPROVED <24-Sep-2001 by cunninfx>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY BILL RE-INTRODUCED IN PARLIAMENT
TAGS: PINT, ELAB, ECON, DA
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005